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AUGUSTA BUSINESS MAN INDICTED ON TAX CHARGES

SAVANNAH, GA: Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, today announced that the federal grand jury sitting in Savannah has returned an indictment against Alvin Wade Johnson, a South Carolina resident and Augusta, Georgia businessman, on federal tax charges. The six-count indictment charges Johnson with making and subscribing false returns when he filed his personal Form 1040 U.S. Individual Tax Returns for 1999, 2000, and 2001, and his S Corporation Professional Boiler Service Inc.'s 1120S U.S. Tax Returns for the same years. All six counts charge that Johnson subscribed to, verified under penalty of perjury, and filed the subject tax returns knowing that each contained materially false information. Specifically, the indictment charges that the returns failed to report income gained through PBSI in the following amounts: \$43,213.44, in 1999, \$89,911.20 in 2000, and \$119,774.83, in 2001. If convicted, Johnson faces up to three years imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine, on each count.

Wood praised the work of the agents of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Internal Revenue Service which led to the indictment.

Wood emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The government is being represented by Assistant United States Attorney Nancy C. Greenwood.

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